

II. REMARKS

Claim 1 has again been amended simply for clarity. In reviewing the prior amendment, it was realized that the claim implied that there were required additional substituents besides any substituent that sterically hinders access of the Pt atom to a DNA strand. Therefore the word "further" has been deleted. The remainder of the language has been clarified.

No new matter has been added and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

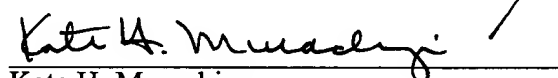
III. SUMMARY

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Respectfully submitted,

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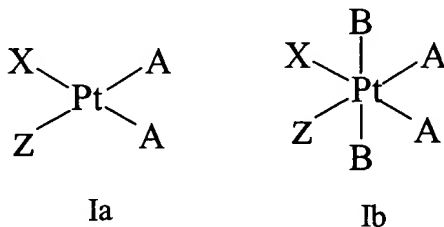

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Version with markings to show changes made

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A *cis*-platinum complex of the formula Ia or Ib



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof

wherein:

each A is independently an anion;

each B is independently halo, hydroxy, carboxylate, carbamate or a carbonate ester,

Z is a substituted 5- or 6-membered, heterocyclic moiety, wherein the substituted heterocyclic moiety [further] comprises [a] at least one substituent that sterically hinders access of the Pt atom to a DNA strand of a tumor cell by a measurable amount more than [an unsubstituted] said heterocyclic moiety [with the same structure] lacking said substituent when tested under the same conditions, and wherein Z is other than pyridine; and

X is NH₃ or mono- or dialkyl substituted NH₃.